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SUBJ: TANZANIA TO PULL OUT OF EAST AFRICAN RAILWAYS AND
HARBORS CORPS.

1. WHILE PRESENTING HIS MINISTRY'S BUDGET, TRANSPORT MINISTER TANDAU TOLD PARLIAMENT ON JULY 19 THAT TANGOV IS PREPARING TO ASSUME COMPLETE CONTROL OF THOSE RAIL AND HARBOR OPERATIONS IN TANZANIA WHICH ARE INCORPORATED IN RAILWAYS AND HARBORS CORPS OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC). ACCORDING PRESS, TANDAU SAID, "DESPITE OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE THE COMMUNITY INTACT, IT IS EVIDENTLY CLEAR TMAT WE HAVE REACHED A POINT WHERE EACH PARTNER STATE WILL HAVE TO MANAGE ITS OWN CORPORATION IN REGARD TO RAILWAYS AND HARBOURS." BLAMING KENYA FOR DISINTEGRATION OF EAC, POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

2. FOLLOWING DAY, TANDAU ANNOUNCED TANZANIA WAS PURCHASING STEAMSHIPS TO SERVICE LAKE VICTORIA; HAD ORDERED FROM INDIA \$14 MILLION WORTH LOCOMOTIVES AND ROLLING STOCK; AND WAS HOPING OBTAIN WORLD BANK LOAN OF \$43 MILLION TO MAINTAIN CENTRAL RAIL
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3. TANDAY'S STATEMENT NOT UNEXPECTED IN VIEW EXISTING DE FACTO DECENTRALIZATION OF EAC RAIL AND HARBOR CORPS. EAC AND PARTICULARLY THESE TWO CORPORATIONS HAVE BEEN PLAGUED BY POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS FOR SOME TIME. COMMUNITY HAD EARLIER COMMISSIONED CANADIAN FIRM TO STUDY THE EAST AFRICAN RAIL SYSTEM. THE STUDY, STILL NOT RELEASED, REPORTEDLY RECOMMENDED BREAKING UP THE RAIL CORP.

4. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN LAST WEEK FROM LATEST MEETING OF EAST AFRICAN TREATY REVIEW COMMISSION, MIN FINANCE JAMAL EXPRESSED PESSIMISM ON FUTURE EAC AND IMPLIED PROCESS OF DISINTEGRATION ALREADY WELL ALONG. HE WARNED AGAINST TANZANIA FALLING "BETWEEN TWO STOOLS, THAT IS NEITHER TO HAVE A MEANINGFUL DYNAMIC EAC BEING ABLE TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF PULLING POTENTIAL RESOURCES OF PEOPLES OF EAST AFRICA IN FACE OF AN INCREASINGLY HOSTILE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DOMINATED BY THE WEALTHY COUNTRIES, NOR TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT THE NECESSARILY NATIONAL INTERESTS OF TANZANIA AS EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE." DECRYING "KENYAN PROVOCATIONS," SOME PARLIAMENTARIANS SAYING TIME HAD COME WHEN TANZANIA SHOULD STOP "TURNING OTHER CHEEK TO BE SLAPPED."

5. SENIOR TANGOV AND EAC OFFICIALS WE HAVE INTERVIEWED IN PAST FEW DAYS SEEM RESIGNED BREAK-UP RAILWAYS AND HARBORS ARE BUT NOT AWARE ANY FORMAL NOTIFICATION TO BAG BY TANGOV ON THIS ISSUE. THEY CONTINUE HOPE THAT COMMON MARKET AND OTHER EAC FUNCTIONS WILL BE MAINTAINED AND STRENGTHENED.
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